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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:

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For: ELECTRICAL CONNECTORS HAVING CONTACTS THAT MAY BE
SELECTIVELY DESIGNATED AS EITHER SIGNAL OR GROUND CONTACTS

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for the following type of application:

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a

- Utility Patent Design Patent

is sought on the invention, whose title appears above, the specification of which:

- is attached hereto
 was filed on AUGUST 5, 2003, as U.S. Serial Number 10/634,547
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable)
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application Number
_____, filed on _____ and as amended under
PCT Article 19 on _____ and/or PCT Article 34 on _____

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §§ 119(a)-(d) of any foreign applications for patent, inventor's certificate or PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent, inventor's certificate or any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

| Country (or indicate if PCT) | Application Number | Date of Filing (day, month, year) | Priority Claimed Under 37 USC 119a-d |
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UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120**

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| Application No. | Date Filed | Status Patented/Pending/Abandoned |
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| 10/294,966 | November 14, 2002 | |
| 09/990,794 | November 14, 2001 | |
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**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION(S)
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119(e)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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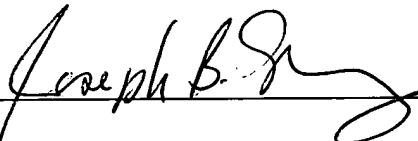
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